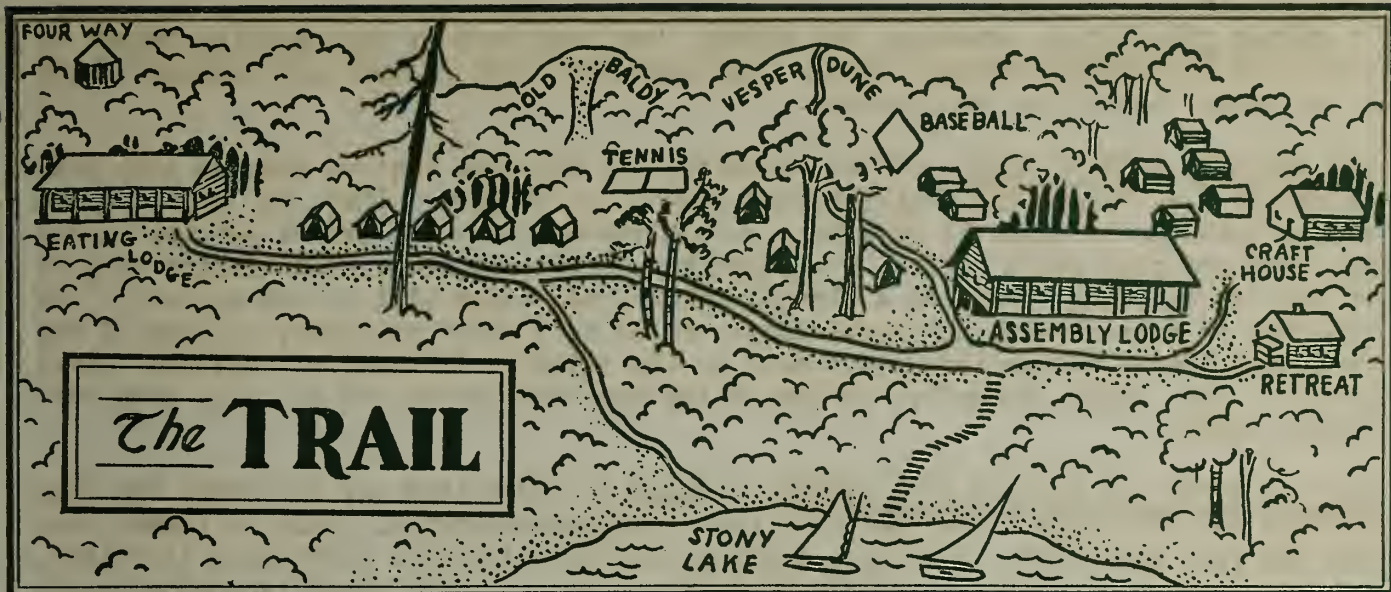


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"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME. In the good old summer time!" Man alive, it's here. At the very time of the writing of these words, the thermometer here in St. Louis has hit the 86 mark. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass (groan groan, you grass cutters) is growing, and they tell me the fish are biting better than ever.

YOWSAH, FOUNDER FELLOW - it sure won't be long now, until the tribes assemble again "on the Sand Dunes of Miniwanca", just as they have been assembling annually for years and years.

FIRST, THE REAL INDIANS held forth at Miniwanca. It is said that the big open dunes overlooking Lake Michigan were the spots where they held their annual conclaves. Whether or not that is true, it is a fact that they roamed all over our Miniwanca camping grounds. Those of you who have been interested in these things have found pieces of pottery at the foot of Old Baldy and main camp Vesper Dune. And you can still find pottery pieces on the camp grounds if you keep a sharp eye on the ground around you when you hit the trail for one of those marvelous beach parties on Lake Michigan.

NEXT CAME THE MINIWANCA INJUNS - many tribes, gathered in their annual encampment. In the senior camps the Blackfeet, Crowfeet, Dakotas, Iroquois, Navajos, and Susquehannas. In YG Camp the Draws, Dunes, Ridges and Trails.

AND IN Y. B. CAMP - wally, wally hoo, gangway everybody - the BEACHES, the BREAKERS, the CREEKS, and last but not least the SANDS. And when these four tribes appear, it is a signal for five weeks of ripping good times, good fellowship, keen competition, fine sportsmanship, new interests, new skills, lasting friendships and growth in qualities of service and leadership.

FROM FAR AND WIDE word comes of members of the tribes beginning to get together their camping gear, so that they will be all set for their happy journey to their Miniwanca Camping Grounds, come June 23, which is the opening day of the gathering of the tribes for the season of 1954.

2. DURING THE WINTER, Chiefum DON PIERCE has been hard at work getting things in shape for the coming camping season. Don says the camp grounds and equipment will be in better shape than ever before.

YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY HEARD of the wonderful new building that we erected this past winter in Y.B. Camp - the STUART BLAZER MEMORIAL BUILDING. This is probably the finest building in camp. It will be a social center where the braves and leaders can sit down and play quiet games, write letters, chat and read. The library will be in the new building. There is a fine fireplace, and there will be new chairs in the building so that special Unit activities can be held there at night, and one of the Christian Ideals discussion groups meet in the building during the Christian Ideals period. This will probably be one of the most popular places in Y.B. camp this coming summer.

AND THE BIFFY HAS HAD ITS FACE LIFTED. Perhaps we had better say its roof, for that is what has been done - the roof has been completely rebuilt. This will mean that the old flat sky-lights overhead, which always leaked like a sieve when it rained, has been done away with, and in its place there is a good sound leak-proof roof. This will add greatly to the appearance of the room. Other new equipment has been added to this building, which will do away with a lot of the difficulties we have had in the past.

DON HAS WRITTEN ABOUT THE NEW DOCK. I can tell you that it will be completely new but bigger and more complete in every way. First of all, the dock will be longer, reaching out into Stony Lake. This will mean that the swimming lanes will be wider so that there will be less chance of fouling another swimmer when the big tribal swimming meets are on.

NEXT, AND VERY IMPORTANT, the gap that has always separated the North and South Docks has been closed. Now you can walk completely around the enclosed swimming area, on a series of broad docks that rim our natural outdoor pool. You can imagine how much added space that will give us, and it will add greatly to the efficiency of the waterfront operations. Wait till you see it.

AND THE WONDERFUL CANVASS DOCK COVERING will extend completely around the surface of all four docks. Old campers will remember the canvass covered docks from last summer. No more uneven planks; no more splinters or stubbing of toes. And when the canvass gets soaked as it does all through the day, the hot sun quickly dries it out and stretches the canvass taut, so that it looks like the aisles of a church in which canvass has been laid for a wedding. Golly, there's an idea - perhaps some day we will have a Miniwanca wedding out at the end of the big new docks. What an idea! Who's crazy?

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE SAYING? -- SAIL BOATS? Listen chum, when Don Pierce says the sail boats this summer will be right, and right from the very start, that's it, and how! Yessir; Don has been working away on those boats these past months. Every boat has been thoroughly scraped, calked and painted. And in addition, they have been repaired. And still again, new and more efficient rudders have been made since last summer, and they will be installed on all the boats. You betcha my life, the sailing department will be going great guns this summer.

AND PERHAPS WADJEPI AND JOE may decide to enter the Regatta this summer and see if they can wham that Sneak Box boat around the course ahead of the best of the tribal skippers. What say Joe? Issum you all game? Nothing like trying. What's that I hear from some of you from last year - we came in last last summer? Well, that was just a matter of common courtesy on our part. Anyway, Joe couldn't go that day, so we hurriedly took Don on as co-skipper. If it hadn't been for him, we might still

be out there with the Sneak Box trying to find our way to port. But with Joe as 3 co-skipper, golly men, the run away will be something awful - yes, I mean Sneak Box running away from the rest of the fleet. Laugh if you will, but remember the old adage, "He who laughs last, laughs last", or something like that!

WELL, I WISH WE HAD TIME to tell you about all the leaders lined up for YB this summer. One leader is John Paik, Korean, who has been grand bandmaster at his college. John will be with us all summer, and he will probably be asked to be the leader of the band. So you fellows, one and all, who play musical instruments, be dead sure to bring them with you to camp. It doesn't matter how well or how poorly you play - if you have an instrument and have been trying to master the thing, bring it along and join the fun. Our camp band and orchestra have been the source of great delight to the braves of Miniwanca - and how the campers cheer when they cut loose with some of their favorite numbers.

BUT DON'T GET THE IDEA THAT WE DON'T HAVE SOME REALLY FINE MUSICIANS in Y.B. Camp. I tell you, when some of those trios and quartets and special ensembles get going, you will begin to think you are in Carnegie Hall. Yessir, by all means, bring your musical instrument. Let's have the best band and the best orchestra this summer in the history of Y.B. Camp.



SPEAKING OF LEADERS and music, everyone will give a lusty cheer when they hear that DICK BYRNE will be back again this year to give us some more of those inimitable performances such as the - what symphony was that - "Deeder", "Beeder", "Tweeder", or something of that sort, when he and RUD ABBOTT would get going on one of their crazy spells. What a riot? Bring that horn with you Dick, and a bass drum or two, effen you have 'em. We know you will have plenty of side kicks to help you entertain the bunch in Y.B.

DOWN ON THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD, CAL BOYD says he expects some new records to be established this summer. Cal will be with us again to head the athletic and recreation departments. Did we tell you that Cal last summer in Older Boys Camp cracked a long standing high jump record with a (hold your breath) six feet, three and seven eighths 6-3-7/8 inch jump. Brother! And that's the man that some of you fellows will be training under in Y.B., if you elect to take the class in athletics in the Interest Hour.



WHEN WE GET TO CAMP THIS SUMMER, I suspect that Cal will be down on the field just about the first thing to see the condition of the track and to plan for getting everything in good shape for the first track meet.

ITO SAYS, "I'm on my way. Just as soon as school is out I'll begin to sing 'California, here I go' and 'Michigan, here I come'!" Yep, Ito will be with us again, and some of you who are interested in sketching and painting will have the fun of getting some of Ito's instruction in the fine arts.

JACK WOOD and JIM CLARK and DICK STULTS, DICK LYMAN and RICK McNEAL will be among the old-timers who will be back for another big YB Camp. Of course JOE will be at the helm, and CHARLIE PAUCK will again preside over the Craft House. GENE GIVENS will be on the waterfront. BOB VICKREY says, "Idaho will be represented again, so - here I come, gang." And there are some mighty fine new leaders lined up for the summer, all rarin' to go.

NURSE DOROTHY, who did such a swell job for us last summer, will be with us again, and DR. DONALD ROBERTS of West Virginia, Y.B. leader of years ago, will again be our Y.B. Camp Doctor to start the season. Then will come DR. GARROTT ALLEN, of Chicago, to finish out the Y.B. camp period. Incidentally, "Gary" is being widely acclaimed

4. in medical circles for some very important discoveries he has made in the field of medical research. We won't try to go into the technicalities of these discoveries, but we know that every Miniwanca camper will be thrilled to know that our own Miniwanca leader and doctor has been playing such an important part in modern medical research work.

WINDING UP THE SUMMER AS CAMP DOCTOR will be another of our fine Miniwanca YB leaders and OB graduates of past years, DR. ROBERT SHANK, who heads the Department of Preventive Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. I tell you, you will travel far before you will find a camp that has a finer medical and nursing staff than we have at Miniwanca.

WELL NOW, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS you should be thinking about as you look forward to your trip to camp. First of all, please tell your folks that full and complete suggestions for travel will go out from our office the last week of May. A suggested sheet of equipment has already been sent to each camper. If by chance that sheet has been mislaid, another copy will go out with travel information.

YOU WILL WANT TO BE SURE that every piece of your equipment is marked with your name or initials in indelible ink, so that you can readily identify your belongings in case you mislay or lose any articles while in camp.

ONE WEEK BEFORE YOU START FOR CAMP you will want to have a physical examination, using the blank which will be sent with the travel and equipment information, the last week of May. Your parents will understand that this is most important to you and the other campers, in order that we may safeguard the health of the camp. We like to wait until about the last minute, just in case any camper may happen to pick up some contagious disease just before he starts for camp. "Better be safe than sorry", as the saying goes. So be sure to get that physical exam...on schedule.

IN PACKING YOUR DUDS FOR CAMP, in case you plan to use a trunk or locker, be sure YOU DO NOT USE A BIG WARDROBE TRUNK - no place for a big piece of equipment. Your "locker" should be low enough to go under a 14" cot. Perhaps you will use duffle bags. If so, that will be fine.

AND DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR FOLKS GET YOUR HEAVY GEAR OFF BY PARCEL POST OR EXPRESS in plenty of time so your stuff will reach camp several days before the opening date of camp. This will enable us to get your gear out from the Express office, or the post office, and have it marked and delivered to your tent before you arrive in camp. And whatever you do, DON'T lock your trunk or locker or duffle bag key in your trunk or bag! IT HAS BEEN DONE, we are sorry to say, and it sure does hurt us to have to break open a good trunk or smash a good padlock. Bring your keys with you. They may be kept in safekeeping at the camp office.

WELL, THESE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS you may want to be thinking about now. We will give you full information later.

IT WON'T BE LONG! So long for now. We'll be seeing you soon.

Miniwancally yours,

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P. G. Orwig, Director



HI GANG!

It's Spring again! The sun is shining brightly, and the yellow crocus blooms tell us that it's nearing camp time. Yessir, in just about eight weeks, that magic date of June 23rd will be here, and it will be the opening date for YB Camp! That means another summer of thrilling Miniwanca adventure. You will want to be there to take part in all of the fun.

As we turn back in memory, we recall all of the activities of past summers. Do you remember our track project - and how the whole bunch pitched in to create our new athletic field out of the woods? From the very first tap of the rising bell to lights out, every day is crammed full of fun and fellowship...eating together at our tent group tables, our varied interest groups, Christian Ideals, swimming, boating, tribal games, vespers and night's doings.

Every day was fun, wasn't it? Then, too, there were all of the extra special days we look forward to - Fourth of July, hikes, leaders frolic, dramatic group plays, county fair, topsy-turvey day, camper-leader games, and oh so many, many others.



Yes, 1953 was a great summer, but we can promise you even a greater and more exciting program in 1954. There will be more new tent cabins, a relocated Pre-Senior Unit, a new memorial building for indoor activities, and special events. Night's doings will have new twists and surprises! Every day will be eagerly awaited as a new challenge and a new experience.

Miniwanca camping carries with it the challenge to live life at its fullest and best. We look forward to greeting you old and new campers and leaders on the big day - June 23rd!

In keen anticipation for a greater 1954 in YB!

Joe
Joe Whitman, Camp Director

HELLO TO YOU ALL!

Greetings from the North Woods! The winter has been rather mild here in Michigan, but the cold weather has been hanging on and is just now ready to break. I have been keeping busy repairing what you all "unrepaired" last summer. The way it looks now, things will be all ready for you on June 23rd.

There has been some more face lifting in YB this winter. The Pre-Seniors have new cabins and a new location. They are not as spread out as before, and I know all you Pre-Seniors will like your unit lots better. The new Blazer Memorial Building is about finished. It is really a swell building! I won't say where it is, but why don't you come up and see for yourself?

Another good improvement which I'm sure Rich Doerbaum will like is that we are building a new swimming dock. It's the same type construction as the other docks, but we are closing up the outside portion. This will make for better swimming meets and easier guarding during the swim period.

This is about all for now. See you - one and all - on June 23rd!

Don



HI FELLOWS!

Soon we'll be packing to go back to camp! It will be a lot of fun celebrating July 4th and having our regattas and other activities. Let's not forget Night's Doings, which keeps us in suspense until after vespers. They were really fun, weren't they? The thing I like best about camp is Council Circle - especially Grand Council. We would sit in front of that big fire and just have a wonderful time. I hope to see all of you back this summer. Until then - GOOD LUCK!

CHRIS von BAEYER, Cleveland, Ohio

I was happy to see the new athletic track at Miniwanca last summer, and I hope to put it to good use this year. How about you? I hope to see every one of you back at camp, and I hope to see many new campers this summer, too.

BUCKY KRIEGER, St. Louis, Missouri

While I was looking out my window toward the West the other day, I saw a beautiful sunset, which reminded me of our services on vesper dune at sunset time. I can't wait to see that first golden sunset of the '54 camp season! See you all at Miniwanca!

JOHN MURPHY, Riverside, Illinois

Just think - only a few more weeks of school - and then to the sand dunes of Miniwanca! I can hardly wait to take that first climb up Old Baldy and the first swim in Stony Lake. Another thing I can't wait to do is to go on the trip to the end of Stony to catch turtles. Be seeing you soon!

JOHN RATHBONE, Shaker Heights, Ohio

I can hardly wait to get back to Miniwanca again. Every time I think of all the swell times I had playing tribal games, climbing Baldy, listening to vespers on the dune, and all the other wonderful things about camp - I just wish it were June and time to pack my trunk for Miniwanca. I hope to see all my new friends again this year, and I am looking forward to meeting many new boys. I'm sure the new boys will like camp and will get just as much out of Miniwanca as I have. See you all soon!

DAVE BENEDICT, Chappaqua, New York

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon. Won't it be fun to have more of those suppers on the beach and the climb to Old Baldy? I hope all of you new campers will have as much fun at camp as I have had for the past two years. I can hardly wait for a swim in Lake Michigan and those morning dips in Stony. I am hoping to see all of my old friends back this summer, and I'm sure you new campers will enjoy it from beginning to end. Things I like best of all at camp are the vesper services and the meals. So long until we see each other at camp.

JAMES PICKERING, Lancaster, Ohio

WELCOME NEW Y.B.'s!

Barry Allen, Chicago, Illinois
Edward Allen, Chicago, Illinois
Paul Armington, Euclid, Ohio
Wade Auld, St. Louis, Missouri
John Baker, Fairborn, Ohio
R. K. Barton, St. Louis, Missouri
Robert Barton, Rock Island, Illinois
Brendon Bass, Midland, Michigan
Jay Black, Port Clinton, Ohio
Merrill Blasdel, Woodward, Oklahoma
Warren Boeschstein, St. Louis, Missouri
Kenneth Boyd, Oak Park, Illinois
Brig Buettner, Webster Groves, Missouri
Bill Carle, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Duncan Castle, Hinsdale, Illinois
Richard Close, Normandy, Missouri
Stephen Daiger, Canton, Ohio
Charles Dawson, Grand Rapids, Michigan
James Douglas, St. Louis, Missouri
Richard Drescher, University City, Mo.
John Eaton, Hingham, Massachusetts
Jim Eckelberry, Canton, Ohio
Jimmy Edwards, Titusville, Pennsylvania
Steve Eibling, Canton, Ohio
John Evans, Webster Groves, Missouri
Peter Farrell, Sandusky, Ohio
George Fisher, New Castle, Indiana
Bill Fisher, New Castle, Indiana
Jack Foster, Canton, Ohio
Tom Fowler, Charleston, Illinois
Martin Galt, Ladue, Missouri
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Charles Grant, Longmont, Colorado
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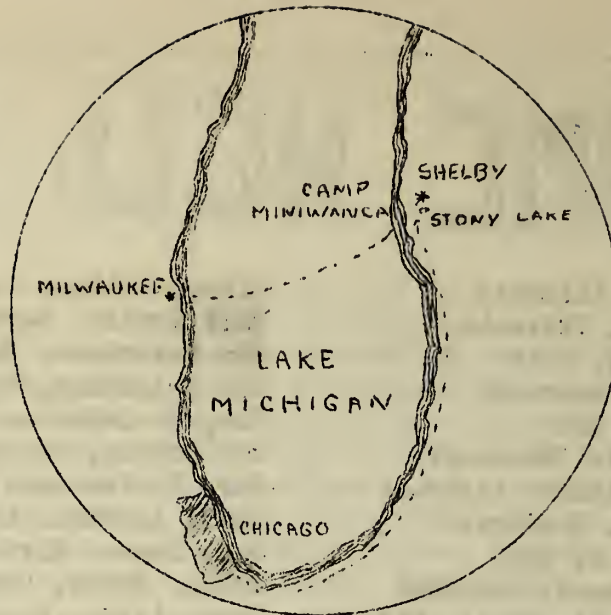
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